

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 22-39, 41-58 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 25, and 42 have been amended. Claims 20, 21 and 40 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Regarding the limitation of the first delivery line and second delivery line being separate lumen of a single tubing, the Examiner points to features 11, 21, and 8 of Figure 1 of Bene. However, even a cursory examination of Figure 1 shows that the delivery lines 21 and 11 are separate tubes and not part of a single tubing. Furthermore, there is nothing in the description of Bene that suggests the possibility of tubes 21 and 11 being joined together as separate lumen in a single tubing.

The Examiner points to bubble trap 8 in Bene as representing the single tubing. However, the bubble trap is not a tubing but rather a reservoir into which both lines 21 and 11 deliver their respective fluids in order to remove air bubbles before introduction of the fluid into the patient. Furthermore, lines 21 and 11 do not even exist as lumen within the bubble trap 8 but rather terminate at their respective attachments to the top of the bubble trap 8 as shown in Figure 1 of Bene.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the references cited by Examiner and is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 972.367.2001.

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